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MEN VOTE TO

HARDING WORKING TO CUT RAILROAD FREIGHT RATES

Uses Influence as Executive for Reduction Same Time Wages Are Decreased.

CONFERS FOR ADVICE.

Anxious for Settlement of Dispute on Equitable Basis as Aid to Business.

By David Lawrence. (Special Correspondent of The Eve-

ning World.) WASHINGTON, April 7 (Copy-1921.)-President Harding has begun to use the influence of the Executive to bring about, if possible, a reduction of freight rates at the same time as wages are cut on the railroad systems of the country. Mr. Harding is not "officially" interfering or forcing his advice, influence or suggestions on either the railroads or their employees, but nevertheless he is mediating in a dispute on whose settlement perhaps depends the ravival of business in America more than any other single factor,

Mr. Harding rulers to his efforts modestly as merely secking information. He is conferring daily with the labor leaders. Next week he talks with the railroad executives. The viewpoint of the shippers of agricultural products has been ably prosented in Cabinet meeting by secre lary of Agriculture Wallace.

absolutely essential. But the inter- shashed, the United States Railroad Yes, a Dr. Benson was there as a state C...amc.ce Commission, whose Labor Board ruled to-day. Both guestexpert judgment in railroad matters means, of course, wages, because its effective, it was det red. por is the largest item in radroad operation to-day.

and methods of adjusting future wage would be made up.

OF THE PROBLEM

readers. The railroads, for instance, tikewise reduced. maist that now that the war is over If granted, wages of labor would each railroad system should dear with have been out from 45 and 451-2 its own men, while the callroad cents an hour to 32 and 25 cents. brotherhoods wish to have all matters | The Board did not rule a cut to of wages adjusted by a national wages was not justified because a sound representing the workers on all reduction in the cost of living. Its systems of the country. The submr stated it was authorized under

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HARDING TO SEE MORGAN ON RAIL

FINANCIAL SIDE

Financier in Washington to Consult With President on Transportation Question.

WASHINGTON, April 7 .- J. P. Morgan has arrived in Washington to discuss the railroad situation with President Harding. It is said the President will seek light on the financial side from

Mr. Morgan. Congestion of work before Railroad Labor Heard has created an urgent necessity for the estableshment of regional boards of adjustments, Warrer, S. Stone, President of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers told President Harding in a conference to-

U. S. Board Denies Arbitrary Reduction—To Argue Decrease April 18.

As a couseq we Mr. Harding be- mon labor on the railroads of the during 1914 and 1915. lieves a reduction of freight rates is country must not be arbitrarily is not questioned, maists that it sides of a wage controversy must Q Did you have a servant? A. would be dangerous to real e freight come before the Board and ; nt Yes, Martha Jones. rates unless the railroads can cut that cases and a ruling of | Board their "operating expenses," which given before a wage cut can become

The decision was made on the ap-To reduce wages would be a rel- plication of the New York Central. Her mother and sister were present. atively simple task if there were not which asked permission to cut wages interwoven in the question something of common labor 17 to 31 per cent., else my h more vital to agh the retroactive to April 1, without a hearrailroad executives and their men ing by the Board. Then, according than the revision of the wage scale to the proposal of the New York Conof this month or this year. It is the tral, if the Board found the cuts were ticklish problem of railroad standards not justifiable, the difference in pay

Twenty-five other trunk lines, in-PRESIDENT REALIZES DELICACY cluding the chief roads and largest employers of labor in the country. President Harding has hunself reco agreed that the New York Central ognized the delicacy of the problem should start the case, and, if successby his method of handling the latter rul, wages on these lines would be

called national agreement which cov- the Transportation Act to out ware only after both sides had had an opportunity to present their cases at a

> The board set April 18 on the date on which the hearing of the application of the New York Central and the ther carriers to reduce wages of common labor will be held

> Carriers will be allowed eigh hours' oral presentation of their case. as will the rail unloan. Both sides however, are allowed to present briefs and written testimony. This must be on file before the board by April 20:

BOWIE RESULTS.

ETHER BACK, Claiming two year sole, for \$2.70 ground; Madiell, 197, (Bedfigure) \$4.96.

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WALLACE NEVER OFFERED TO MARRY

Oil Man, Co-respondent, Says He Hasn't Met Her in Years,

HE "LENT" HER A RING

Tore Her Photograph Before She Wed as He Didn't Want to Bother With Her.

mony of numerous witnesses, has been charged with undue intimacy Mrs. W. E. D. Stokes, was the winess to-day when the Stokes

to Pinch in the Supreme Court. Wallace, who burried Eastward from San Francisco as soon as his name was brought into the case, just before adjournment three weeks ago, railwaymen has been arranged. is of medium height, ruddy and from her, but quite close to Hal Billig. nother co-respondent in the case.

Mrs. Stokes looked much less wer nd tired than when she was in court irce weeks ago. She was in furs, a ong coat which quite enveloped her, and a small close-fitting blue velvet nat. Mr. Stokes arrived in a black gravat instead of his usual red one. With Mr. Wallace came his attorey, Henry A. Wisc.

'alifornia and Arizona since early in 1918, but was in New York in 1914,

Q. During 1916 and 1917 dld any

Q. Was any meal ever served from

apartment? A. Never to ma. Q. Do you know Mrs. Stokes? A. Yes, I met her in the spring of 1916. Q. When did your acquaintance with her terminate? A. In the spring of 1909. Since then I have not seen her nor spoken to her nor been in

the tea house in that building to your

NEVER WAS IN LOVE WITH MRS. STOKES. On cross-examination Mr. Smyth boomed at the witness, "Have you

er company in any way

ever been in love with Mrs. Stokes?" "Never," replied Wallace. Q. Did you ever ask ber to

you? A. I don't think so. Q. What do you mean, "you don't

think so?" A. That's my way of an-

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WOMAN JUMPS IN FRONT OF TRAIN IN THE SUBWAY

Taken to Hospital With Little Chance for Life-Ring Had Initials "B. S."

After wandering about the 149th street uptown subway station for fifteen minutes to day a woman about (wenty-five years old leaped to the cacks in front of an express train. After she landed the woman apparently lost her nerve and tried to seramble out of the train's path, but she was too late and the train struck

The woman was taken to Lincoln mospital with a fractured skull and the doctors there and and had fitth nance to recover

The woman was 5 feet 7 inches tail, verghed 130 pounds and had blonde our and exceptation. She were a wack but, white deep and a fur neck nece A signet ring on her finger

PREMIER ADMITS FAILURE DECIDE TO JOIN COAL STRIKE

Tells House of Commons Situation Is ONE MAN HAD COLIC. Even More Grave Than He Had Believed-Warned Miners They Were Destroying England as an Industrial Nation.

LONDON, April 7 (Associated Press) .- The National Union of Railwaymen to-day unanimously decided to support the coal miners in their he hal was resumed before Jus- sult immediately with the transport workers' organization for the purpose

until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, at which time a conference with the At the conclusion, Judge Holmes au-

The representatives of the railwaymen similarly adjourned until topartly bald. He came into court morrow. Frank Hodges, Secretary of the miners' union, declared it apshortly after Mrs. Stokes and her peared unlikely there would be any conference to-night of the "Triple mother, Mrs. Miller, had entered and Alliance"-the rallwaymen, the transport workers and the miners.

Fielding for Giants.

James F. Brennan of No. 768 West

nothing was done about it until Feb.

torney requested Judge Mulqueen to

ur if was not ready to proceed

when it will be reached again.

End Avenue.

Landis to-day.

coal strike was announced in th House of Communs by Premier Lloyd George this afternoon and Great Britain this afternoon was trembling on the edge of an industrial precipice The failure of the conference, Ma Lloyd George declared, came as

consequence of the refusal of t Wallace was examined by Mr. Wise. Miners' Federation to allow the pump He stated that he had lived in men to return to work until the miners' condition of a national wage system and a national profits poo-1915 and part of both 1916 and 1917 had been accepted. The Premie fe went to live at No. 13 East 35th added that since it had been made CHICAGO, April 7.-Wages of com- in October, 1913, and remained there clear the Miners' Federation would not consider any settlement except on the concession of their demands in power to meet the situation.

The view of the Minirs' Federation, Mr. Lloyd George as: ed, was that The Judge held that Kauff could not would be to relinquish the weapon. New York on the charge of having rewith which the miners hoped to bring ceived a stolen automobile. Under the the Government and the mine owners regulations of the major leagues no to a speedy acceptance of their terms. man may play on a team while under

Amidst cheers from the Govern- indictment for a crime. ment benches the Premier declared | Continuing, Judge Landis's decision that the issue raised was much wider said: "Of course, the mere return of than that of what wages should be an indictment does not imply guilt paid. The Government, he said, had But indictment does imply, in always kept an open mind on the the judgment of the Grand Jurose. question of wages and was prepared there is probable cause to believe the to use its good offices in reaching a accused suitty. An indictment chargsolution. He regretted extremely that ing felonious misconduct by a player the miners had taken so grave a de- oertainly charges conduct detrimental cision, involving injury and misery to the good repute of buseball. The one pint in ten days.) to their fellow catizens throughout mere presence of such a player in the the country as well as to themselves.

J. R. Clynes, Chairman of the Parliamentary Labor Party, and others

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SAY M. D. GAVE 33 PRESCRIPTIONS AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Dry Agents Declare Dr. Donald McCaskey Got Whiskey for Friends.

Illness During Holidays Regular Phenomena Due to Season, Says Physician.

59th Street, appeared to-day in the O'Connor's office presided at the "trial," as Dr. McCaskey called it. nounced a verdict would be returned as soon as the stenographer finished transcribing the testimony, probably

within two days. Dr. McCaakey, who was not placed under oath, startled his auditors by admitting that last Dec. 11 be gave prescriptions, each cofling for a pint of whiskey, to thirty-three employees of the Plaza Hotel. It was charged by Prohibition inspectors who investurated that these prescriptions were given as Christmas presents or

Q. (By Judge Holmes) is it true gave these prescriptions as Christmas gitts? A. I will neither affirm nor deny it.

O len't it odd that thirty-three persons should get sick in the same Must Get Rid of Indictment place just a day or two before Christmas? A. No. Just before Christmas as an opportune time to be such think it's a regular yearly phenomena due to the season.

Dr. McCaskey said all the thirty CHICAGO, April 7 .- Benny Knuff, one live with you in 35th Street? A. full, the Government, relying on the outfielder for the New York Giants, examinations of them were made three were his patients. He said his assistance of the great mass of the was placed on the ineligible list by with his voice, eyes and judgment people, must take every means in its Baseball Commissioner Judge K. M. He couldn't recall that he had pre- District Attorney Guy B. Moore sale scribed anything for them in addition to liquor, except counsel and advice. Some of the prescriptions, the dector to permit the pumpers to return play ball while under indictment in testified, had been left with the boy B. Elwell in New York last June at the cigar stand in the Plaza Hotel

Judge Holmes read from a list of charges prepared by Inspectors R. E. alienist, who listened to the cross-Lockey and H. S. Wilpers. These included an accusation that Dr. Mc-Carkey had issued as many as nyo prescriptions, each for a pint of whiskey, to one patient within ten days. This Dr. McCaskey admitted. He also child." Harris is also known as G. E. admitted that he had issued two pre- B. Leonard and C. Caritn. Last night scriptions in one day to the same patient. (The law limits prescriptions to Street Station telling of his part in

Many cases of such violations were line-up would be unjust to the other cited, the addressus of the patients the man who need the actual shot Whitman, who, as Special Assistant The Prime Minister's speech was players, so deeply offensive to the ranging from Riverside Drive to Fifth which caused Elwell's death. He is District Attorney investigating of followed by a general debate in which baseball public, and so strongly soig- and Park Avenues and the Hotel being held while the New York Po- licial wrongdoing, took over the Eliwell gestive of a lack of appreciation of Netherlands. One liquor prescription, lies Chief has been asked to send a case last week, "William Dunkin" elemental morality on the part of the doctor admitted, was made out for man here. those charged with pretecting the his own wife,

good repute of the game that it is Various ailments were mentioned when he was arrested yesterday afon the stubs in the doctor's prescrip- termoon by Acting Capt Tomothy tion book, but the now that called Murray and Detectives Fred Howel Benny Rauff was indicted on Feb. for a quart of whiskey, two prescrip- and William J. Flynn, is being held 19, 1920, on a charge of grand lartions for a plat each on the same by the police while they work on the ceny in the first degree in connection day, was ascribed to a patient on case. She is but twenty years old. with the disposal of a car claimed by

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Kauff was arrested the day after GERMANY TO OFFER his indictment, pleaded not guilty RECONSTRUCTION and was held in \$1,000 bail. The case was buried in the court calendar and

17 of this year, when the District At- Will Propose in New Note to Send Labor and Material Into Northern France.

grant the case preference, declaring that justice domainded a speedy trial. The trial was called for Feb. 21. HERLIN: April 7 (Associated Press) The District Attorney's office said it was not ready at that time, though East Fuchs, counsel for Kauff, inthe reconstruction of the devastated The authorities on both sides of the Supreme Conneil specific proposids for regions of Northern France in a note border have been searching for him had been estranged from the whish const. The case came up again on the calendar of Judge Miliqueen in Gen-eral Sessions on Feb. 24, 25 and 28 and on March I. 2 and 3, the District Attorney's office each time announc-

The note will restorate Germany's decase then was taken of the sire to see the realons reconstructed as Carlin" of London, Ont., and that he

ROY HARRIS IN CONFESSING STATEMENTS THAT CONFLICT

Harris Known in Bridgeport Had a Pal Named Dunkin There-Both Had Been Violators of Law-Harris Describes "Mrs. Fairchild"-He Sticks to His Story in Buffalo.

Every available detective in the New York Police Department was put to work to-day to learn what truth, if any, was in the amazing story told by Roy Harris, twenty-three-year-old son of respectable Bridgeport, Conn., parents, of his share in the murder of Joseph Bowne Elwell in this city last June.

Detective Henry Oswald, who is particularly familiar with the persons, places and events of the Elwell murder, is on his way to Buffalo to talk with Harris in an effort to learn whether there is anything of truth in his story or whether it will fall to pieces under well-informed question-

Impresses Priffalo District At-Him Mentally Sound.

Olemcial to The Prenting World i

that Roy Harris's confession of partheipation in the murder of Joseph was unshaken. Mr. Moore examined. Harris at the request of former Gov. Whitinan, Dr. James W. Putnam, an examination of the prisoner, said Harris seemed to be all right men-

two men hired to kill Elwell for \$5,000 a "William Dunkin" of Dallas, Tex., last June by a woman named "Fairhe signed a confession at the Niagurn ONLY DISCHARGED FROM CUSthe erime.

He named Bill Dunkin, a friend, as

Harris's wife, who was with him She married Harris in St. Catharine's, Ont., in 1916 under the name of G. E.

B. Leonard.

after the murder was committed. a charge of forgety. They say that suing only two interviews a week nearly a year and a half ago, while telling of their certainty that the in St. Catherine's he passed a bogus murderer would be under arrest check on Lea Wright of that city. "within twenty-four hours."

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graphs of Harris. These will be compured with the scores of fingerciute taken in and about Elwell's me at the time of the murder and ill be used in learning whether,

larris has had criminal associations. According to the story of Harris he vas picked up with a friend, "Bill" Dunkin, a few days before the mur ter, by a chanffour, a frequenter of white light district resorts, known to him only as "Jarry," bim to a "Mrs. Fairchild," who prot is dim and his friend Dunkin \$5.04 to murder kilwell, paying \$50 in advariou and \$350 the day after the murder, after the two had carried out in ing a three-hour examination to-day detail her plans, which she said were hased on reports of spice she had following Elwell. He said Dunkin actually killed Elwell.

> Nothing in the records of the Ewell case contains any trace of resemblance to the Harris story. None of the mass of clues mulled over by the detectives last summer concerned a Mrs. Fairchild," Harris, Dunkin or "Jerry," or any persons to whom their descriptions might apply. But the Bridgeport police records show that was sentenced there to the Cheshire Reformatory for theft in December,

TODY TO-DAY.

According to information received from Bridgeport by former Cov. was discharged from the reformatory at Cheshire only to-day.

Harris, however, was actually employed in this city at the time Elwell was shot to death. Detectives to-day verified his story of having been employed as an elevator man at No. 336 Fifth Avenue at that time. though he said he was employed there for only a few weeks and left soon The police have established the fact after the investigation of the Elwell to their satisfaction that Harris was murder reached its height in late in New York City at the time of the June, the building records show that murder. His wife left him in Syra- he was employed April 17 and left cuse on July 3, 1920, almost a month July 17, at a time when interest in the murder had so died down than Harris was arrested yesterday on Assistant District Attorneys were last

Strangely enough, Mrs. Elwett, who which now is being prepared and which since. Yesterday the police heard he will be despatched before May 1. it Thy cent there and found that the was announced officially to-day.

The whom they were socking had struction business at No. 366 Fifth

Avenue until she sub-let it in 1915 to a rise merchant and moved out. Harris was known in the neighbor-